PERSONA Q
SHADOW OF THE LABYRINTH
Side: P4
LABYRINTH 11: GROUP DATE
OUR HEROES ARE NOW EXPLORING THE SECOND LABYRINTH, THE "GROUP DATE CAFÉ", AS THEY TRY TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME WORLDS.
CONTRARY TO ITS CHARMING NAME, THIS LABYRINTH HAS NO SHORTAGE OF SHADOW ATTACKS.

FLASH
ORPHEUS!
KONO-
HANA
SAKUYA!
WEAK
FWOOM

ANOTHER SHADOW ATTACK...
...GROUP DATES ARE MORE LABOR-INTENSIVE THAN I IMAGINED.
ZSHH...
THIS IS NOTHING LIKE A REAL GROUP DATE...
WHAT?! IT'S NOT?!
I WANT TO GO ON A REAL GROUP DATE!
...I SEE.
THEN LET'S BEGIN. ALL PARTICIPANTS, LINE UP.
CHAK
YOU'RE WORSE THAN THE SHADOWS ...

WHAT?
NO. IT'S JUST BOYS AND GIRLS TALKING, THAT'S ALL.
WELL, DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU TALK ABOUT, IT COULD TURN INTO A MAJOR TRAIN WRECK, BUT...
HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK OF HOLDING SUCH A LARGE-SCALE EVENT AS A G-GROUP DATE IN A DEN OF SHADOWS LIKE THIS?
LARGE-SCALE...?
IS... IS THAT WHAT IT IS?
IT WOULD BE WEIRDER IF YOU DID KNOW A LOT ABOUT GROUP DATES,
BUT I'M SURPRISED THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T KNOW, MITSURU-SENPAI.
HNGH ...
...IN THAT CASE, LET'S DO IT.
SENPAI ?

BAM
LET'S DO IT!
A GROUP DATE!!
YAHOO! I WANT TO GO ON A REAL GROUP DATE, TOO!!
SPEAKING OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EASILY RILED UP... SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE WORSE THAN AKIHIKO-SENPAI.
GIRLS OF GEKKOUKAN LINE UP!!
HUH, JUST A... ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!
FSST FSST
COME ON, WE TOTALLY WANT A PIECE OF THIS ACTION.

AND SO, WE'LL BE HOLDING A GROUP DATE, TOO!
WHY ME...?
I THOUGHT THIS WHEN WE FIRST MET, BUT CHIE-CHAN, YOU'RE ROCKING THE BOYISH LOOK.
HUH? WHAT? WH-WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?!
AND YUKKI, YOU'RE LIKE THE PICTURE OF CLASSIC JAPANESE BEAUTY.
YUKKI... OH, ME?
AND NAO-CAKES, THE MISMATCH BETWEEN YOUR LOOKS AND YOUR PERSONALITY HITS ALL OF MY BUTTONS.
HUH? UH, UM...
SO GIRLS OF YASOGAMI HIGH, LINE UP OVER HERE!!
F-FOR REAL...?

YASOGAMI BOYS & GEKKOUKAN GIRLS
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I FEEL LIKE THIS IS OPENING UP OLD WOUNDS...
WE'RE DOING THIS AGAIN?
I SEE. SO THIS IS THE INFAMOUS "GROUP DATE."
UGH... WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A STUPID GROUP DATE WHEN THERE ARE SHADOWS RUNNING AROUND?
SO? WHAT DO WE DO?
I HAVE PENS AND PAPER!
AND SO, TADAH!
HMM HMM
I HAVE REHEARSED EVERY SINGLE DAY, IN PREP-BEAR-ATION FOR THE DAY I EVENTUALLY GO ON A GROUP DATE!
YOU MUST HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO.

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...AND WE ARE TO WRITE LETTERS WITH THIS?
TSK, TSK, TSK!
IRK
THE CORRECT ANSWER IS, WE ARE GOING TO PLAY A QUESTION GAME!!
THE RULES ARE, EACH PERSON WRITES ONE QUESTION ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND PUTS IT INTO THIS BOX!
WHEN EVERYONE'S DONE, WE EACH DRAW A QUESTION FROM THE BOX AND ANSWER IT. IT'S THAT SIMPLE!
UH, A QUESTION...? BUT WHAT SHOULD WE WRITE?
YOU EVEN HAVE A BOX? I WISH YOU'D APPLY THAT ENTHUSIASM TO YOUR JOB...

SQUEAK
キュ.
Who of us would you date?
SOME-THING LIKE THIS?
HMMM.
...
OKAY! WE ALL PUT OUR QUESTIONS IN.
WHO SHOULD DRAW FIRST?
HERE, YUKA-CHAN! YOU START!
YUKA-CHAN, HUH? THAT'S A CUTE NICKNAME...
NNNGH... PLEASE DON'T LET ME GET A WEIRD ONE...
RUMMAGE...

FIDGET...
ソワ...
WHOA! WE'RE GETTING RIGHT INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY!
IT SAYS... WHO OF US WOULD YOU DATE?
LET'S SEE...
THAT WAS FAST...
WELL, I DON'T KNOW EVERYONE VERY WELL YET.
HMM... GOOD QUESTION ...
UH, YEAH. I WOULDN'T CHOOSE YOU.
NORMALLY I SOOTHE THE SOUL AS A CHARMING LITTLE BEAR, BUT I CAN TAKE IT OFF AND BECOME A HANDSOME YOUTH! IT'S TWO-FUR-ONE!
YOU'D GET A GOOD BEAR-GAIN WITH TEDDIE!

...WOULDN'T BE MY FIRST CHOICE. THAT'S A PASS.
PASS ?
KANJI-KUN...
B-DMP ドキィッ
WHOA ?!
M-ME?!
...AND I FEEL LIKE HE'S NOT REALLY FOR ME, EITHER.
...FIGURES.
PASS...
CLATTER カリ
SO NEXT, THERE'S YOSUKE-KUN...
OH! H-HERE IT COMES !!
IF I HAD TO CHOOSE FROM THIS GROUP...I GUESS I'D GO WITH OUR LEADER?
HE SEEMS NICE AND CALM.

I DETECT A SUDDEN INCREASE IN YUKARI-SAN'S BODY TEMPERATURE AND HEART RATE...
OKAY, NEXT!
YOU MUST HAVE DEVELOPED AN AFFINITY FOR OUR LEADER WHEN HE GUARDED YOU FROM THAT FOE.
TH-THE QUESTION ASKED WHO "OF US" SO I ANSWERED !!
I SEE...
OH, THIS IS MY QUESTION !
LET'S SEE. "WHO DO YOU WANT TO SMOOCH?"
OF COURSE.
FWAM!
SHOONK
RRRAAAGH!
NOW IT'S TEDDIE'S TURN!
MIT-CHAN!
THE GIRL I WANT TO SMOOCH IS...

I HAD NO IDEA SUCH A CULTURAL PHENOMENON EXISTED IN OUR SOCIETY... I STILL HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT—
A FULL-POWER BRUSH-OFF?!
BOO HOO HOO...
OOOH!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO NEXT, REI-CHAN?
OKAY, I'LL PULL WITH ALL MY MIGHT!
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
GOT ONE!
LET'S SEE... IT SAYS, "WHAT'S YOUR TYPE?"!
THAT'S A PRETTY ORTHODOX QUESTION.
BUT I THINK I CAN GUESS WHAT REI-CHAN'S GOING TO SAY.
GOOD!
LIVER MAKES ME GAG!
FOR BEEF, MY TYPE IS TONGUE AND RIBS. FOR PORK, I LIKE ROAST. AND FOR CHICKEN, I LIKE WINGS!
HER TYPE "OF MEAT"?!

I BELIEVE THAT THE "TYPE" IN QUESTION IS REFERRING TO YOUR PREFERRED TYPE OF MALE.
BLUSH
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WH... WHAAAAT?!
I-I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THAT...UM... UM...
IT'S ZEN, RIGHT?
WINCE
ビクッ
WAAAH?!
WH- WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT. I MEAN, I DO LIKE ZEN, BUT...
WHIRL
くるくる
L...LIKE ...?
WAAAAH!
SPLAT!
ビターン!
PLEASE RELAX. WE ALL UNDERSTAND, SO NO CORRECTION IS NECESSARY.

ガン WHACK
ばっ BAM
NNNGH...
YOU GO NEXT, LEADER!

RUSTLE...
カサ...
What kind of cosplay do you like?

OKAY...

YOU WROTE THAT?
SO? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
OH MAN, THAT'S EVERY GUY'S FANTASY...
OH, YOU PULLED THAT ONE?

HUH ?!
HEY, JUST A... YOU MEAN ...?!
WHAT.
CLOTHES AREN'T NECES-SARY.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUTWARD ORNAMENTA-TION...
YOU DO MAKE A FAIR POINT.
OH, OF COURSE... THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT.
ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG IDEA...WITH AN ANSWER LIKE THAT.
BUT YOU TOOK IT IN A VERY POSITIVE DIRECTION, MITSURU-SENPAI.
THEN ALLOW ME TO TAKE OFF ALL MY CLOTHES AND BEAR MYSELF TO MIT-CHAN!
UH, YEAH. KEEP IT COVERED.

BUT WHEN LEADER SAVED YOU FROM THAT ROCK SHADOW A WHILE AGO,
THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE,
?
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING ?
MAYBE YOU STARTED TO THINK OF HIM AS MORE THAN A TEAMMATE... OR SOME-THING?
I DETECT A SUDDEN RISE IN BODY TEMPERATURE AND HEART RATE.
D...

DON'T BE ABSURD !!
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE FINISH UP HERE!
AWWW! BUT I STILL HAVE MORE GAMES TO PLAY...
GLATTER
THE PARTY IS OVER.
UNDER-STAND?
AND ON THAT AWKWARD NOTE, THE PHONY GROUP DATE CAME TO AN END.
YES, MA'AM.

WHEW...
SUDDENLY, I'M EXHAUSTED ...

TO BE CONTINUED.